

1. *What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?*

I studied Chemistry and Environmental Sciences. I have been an analyst, a consultant, a federal public servant, and am now a municipal councillor in Gatineau.

2. *Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?*

Yuko and I have been in Hull-Aylmer since 2001 and raised our three children here, two of which are now adults living in Montreal.

3. *What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?*

Coach for our children's sports teams, member of our primary school's governing board, computer systems group union steward with PIPSC, to name a few.

4. *In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?*

George Orwell's works have had a great impact on me, *The Road to Wigan Pier* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four* in particular. How propaganda is used by power establishments to maintain control over their populations. How political correctness places controls on how language is used, and how this works to suppress freedom speech and thus discourage free thinking. How authority is exercised within and between our various social classes. How each social context carries its own challenges and reward systems. I've always positioned myself to counter those exhibiting authoritarian behaviours and feel indebted to Eric Arthur Blair for having inspired me.

5. *What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?*

Brian Mulroney, a fellow Irish-Catholic francophile who found himself a place in Québec politics. He signed the Air Quality Agreement with the USA to end the Acid Rain scare, which was the climate emergency of its time. During his second mandate Canada ratified the Climate Change Convention and passed the Canadian Environmental Protection Act. His opposition to apartheid in South Africa earned him the praises of Nelson Mandela. There's NAFTA and the GST which has since been reduced to 5%, providing provinces the necessary opportunity to help finance health, education, and transportation systems by absorbing the resulting tax margin.

6. *What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?*

Andrew Scheer's Climate Plan, which is absolutely necessary for our economic and environmental health. Imagine a Pan-Canadian power grid fed only by renewable energy –

rendering our industries more competitive, decreasing household costs, and filling provincial coffers, all while being better for the environment. Instead of importing fossil fuels, we could be energy-independent and help other provinces and countries transition to renewables. We say with confidence and vigor “green technologies - not taxes” and I encourage voters to keep this in mind on October 21st. If you want real action, you can trust Conservatives to keep their word.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

I work at the municipal level and can develop direct trust relationships with a high proportion of citizens, finding occasions to discuss sensitive topics and trying and understand differences. If elected, I would to continue to be open and honest, starting with a public podcast for direct contact with citizens without any media filters, coaching, or communications 'experts'. Let electors get to know you and your thinking, and let them ask direct questions so that you can develop trust on a larger scale. Our media also have a role to play. I will continue to encourage objective and professional reporting.